

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No.: PT/DISALVO

In re Application of:	)	
Francesco DiSalvo et al.	)	
Appl. No.: 10/726,100	)	Examiner: Pete Vrettakos
Filed: December 2, 2003	)	Group Art Unit: 3739
For: SILVER ALLOYS FOR USE IN MEDICAL,	)	
SURGICAL AND MICROSURGICAL	)	
INSTRUMENTS AND PROCESS FOR	)	
PRODUCING THE ALLOYS	)	

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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This communication is in response to the Official Action of August 1, 2006, having a shortened period for response terminating November 1, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by TWO months until January 1, 2007. Since that day is a holiday and January 2<sup>nd</sup> was declared a national holiday, this response is timely filed on January 3, 2007 within the 2 months extension period.

- ☒ [X] Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$ 225.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).
- ☐ [ ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.
- ☒ [X] The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: